

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6 remain pending in this application, with claim 1 being independent. Claims 1-4 and 6 have been amended in response to the Examiner's 35 USC 112 rejection.

Claims 1-4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,392,899 (Harrison) and claim 5 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Harrison in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,975,915 (Yamazaki). Applicant respectfully traverses.

According to the Examiner, Harrison teaches each and every element recited in the rejected claims except for the contacts being placed all around the die. The Examiner states that Yamazaki teaches this element and therefore it would have been obvious to modify the motherboard taught by Harrison such that it would have contacts all around a die a taught by Yamazaki. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

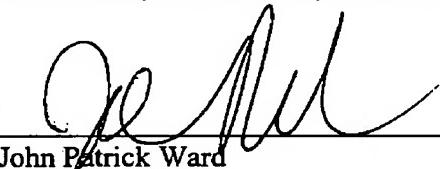
Yamazaki teaches leads 12 located around a semiconductor package 10. The contacting shoes 42 are not located around the semiconductor package 10 but rather leads 12 are. Furthermore, the contacting shoes 42 are not placed underneath the socket body 30 and in between the socket body 30 and the circuit board 20. Figure 2 does not even illustrate contacting shoes 42 as stated by the Examiner. For these reasons, the Yamazaki fails to teach or suggest contact being placed all around a die as stated by the independent claim.

In summary, for the reasons noted above, Claims 1-4 and 6 are distinguished over the cited art and are in condition for allowance. It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. Favorable action is respectfully solicited. Allowance of the Claims is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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